

MINUTES

OF THE

THIRTY-SECOND SESSION

OF THE

Western Baptist Association

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*Held with the Baptist Church at Milton, Queens County, Saturday,  
Monday and Tuesday, June 10th and 12th, 13th,  
with the Circular Letter, &c.*

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# MINUTES.

MILTON, QUEENS Co.,  
Saturday Morning, June 10th, 1882.

The N. S. Western Baptist Association convened with the Milton Church at 10 o'clock, A. M., in its Thirty-second Anniversary.

In the absence of the Moderator, Rev. Dr. Day, the Association was called to order by Rev. J. I. DeWolf, pastor of the church.

After singing and prayer by Rev. A. Cohoon, religious services were engaged in while the Clerks were preparing a list of delegates.

## LIST OF DELEGATES.

- Milton, Queens Co.*,—Revds. J. I. DeWolf, P. F. Murray, Deacons Edward Kempton, Senr., Samuel Freeman, Joseph B. Wyman, and Bro. Geo. W. Freeman.
- Kempton, Queens Co.*,—Rev. J. H. Fletcher, and Bro. W. Cushing.
- Caledonia*,—Rev. J. H. Fletcher.
- Dalhousie East*,—Bro. Christopher Sanders.
- Pine Grove*,—Rev. J. H. Robbins.
- Upper Wilnot*,—Rev. W. E. Hall.
- Sand Point and Jordan Bay*,—Rev. G. H. Goudy.
- Jordan River*,—Rev. G. H. Goudy, and Bro. Charles Hardy.
- Springfield*,—Bro. H. Sprowl.
- Freeport*,—Rev. J. F. Kempton.
- Port Medway*,—Deas. Thomas Atkins, C. A. Bowlby, and Bro. N. T. Baker.
- Clements*,—Rev. J. M. Parker.
- Brookfield*,—Deacons Joseph M. Freeman, James S. Daily, and A. Leadbetter.
- Bridgetown*,—Bro. Charles Rumsey.
- Shelburne*,—Rev. G. H. Goudy.
- Liverpool*,—Rev. S. McCully Black, Deacons Charles Bill, Thomas Dickerson, Jabez Freeman, and Bro. G. S. Parker.
- West Port*,—Rev. A. E. Ingram.
- Tverton*,—Rev. J. F. Kempton.
- Middlefield*,—S. H. Cain, (Lic.), Bros. James E. Morton, and A. H. Morton.
- Digby*,—Rev. J. H. Saunders.
- Tusket*,—Rev. P. S. McGregor.
- Hebron*,—Rev. A. Cohoon, Deas. W. R. Doty, W. Durkee, H. H. Cosby.

*Lockeport*,—Rev. J. A. Durkee, Deas. S. Kempton, Joshua Chadsey, Bros. Martin Ringer, and A. H. Fisk.

*Nictaux*,—Dea. B. H. Parker.

*Carlton*,—Rev. H. N. Parry.

*Wilmot*,—Rev. J. T. Eaton.

*1st Ragged Island*,—Rev. P. R. Foster, and Bro. Thomas Hayden.

*Lower Granville*,—Rev. I. Wallace.

*West Yarmouth*,—Rev. H. N. Parry.

*Greenfield*,—S. H. Cain, (Lic.), and Bro. Henry Hanley.

The Association was duly organized by the election of the following

#### OFFICERS.

*Moderator*,—Rev. J. A. Durkee.

*Clerks*,—Revds. J. T. Eaton, and J. H. Robbins.

*Treasurer*,—Dea. B. H. Parker.

*Assistant Treasurer*,—Joseph B. Freeman.

Prayer by Rev. W. E. Hall.

Rules of Order read by the Moderator.

The following Committees were appointed :

To EXAMINE LETTERS.—Revds. Isaiah Wallace, J. M. Parker, and J. F. Kempton.

To READ LETTERS.—Revds. W. E. Hall, A. Cohoon, and G. H. Goudy.

The following names were added to the Committee on Arrangements :—Rev. P. F. Murray, and S. Cain, (Lic.)

INVITED TO SEATS.—Revds. W. A. J. Bleakney, and R. R. Philp.

After reading the letter of the Milton Church, extending a hearty welcome to the Association,

The Committee on Arrangements reported in part, and adopted, as follows :

1st. *Time of Meetings.* Morning session commence at 10 o'clock A. M., and close at 12 A. M.; afternoon session open at 2 o'clock close at 5 o'clock; evening session open at 7.30 o'clock, and close at pleasure.

2nd. That prayer-meetings be held from 9.30 to 10.30, A. M., on Sunday morning, and from 9 till 10 on Monday and Tuesday morning.

3rd. That this morning session be spent in Reading Letters, and that forty minutes at the beginning of Saturday and Monday afternoon and Tuesday morning sessions be spent in the same manner, if necessary. That the remainder of the afternoon session be given to reports on Infirm Ministers' Fund, Denominational Literature, and Home and Foreign Missions. The latter to be read and laid on the table for discussion in the evening.

The evening session to be given to a public meeting on Home and Foreign Missions, and that the speakers be Revds. A. Cohoon, M. Normandy, J. H. Robbins, W. E. Hall, and others.

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That Committees appointed last year be enlarged and corrected to stand as follows :

ON EDUCATION.—Revds. R. D. Porter, J. A. Durkee, and J. F. Kempton.

ON CIRCULAR LETTER.—Revds. J. M. Parker, P. F. Murray, and P. R. Foster.

ON DENOMINATIONAL LITERATURE.—Revds. J. H. Robbins, and H. N. Parry.

ON MISSIONS.—Revds. A. Cohoon, W. E. Hall, and S. McCully Black.

ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.—Revds. J. A. Durkee, and G. H. Goudy.

ON CHRISTIAN BENEFICENCE.—Revds. A. Cohoon, H. N. Parry and I. Wallace.

ON QUESTIONS IN LETTERS.—Revds. J. H. Saunders, and W. E. Hall.

ON OBITUARIES.—Revds. J. T. Eaton, S. McCully Black, A. Ingram, and Bro. A. J. Leadbetter.

Prayer was offered by Rev. W. N. Parry, and the Benediction was pronounced by the President.

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*Saturday—Afternoon Session.*

Prayer by Rev. J. F. Kempton.

Minutes of morning session read and approved.

Reading of Letters resumed.

After singing a hymn and prayer of thanksgiving by Rev. Isaiah Wallace and Rev. R. R. Philip for God's blessing on the churches

The Committee of Arrangements reported as follows :

**SABBATH SERVICES.**

*Milton Baptist Church*—10.30 A. M. Rev. A. Cohoon.  
3.00 P. M. S. S. School, addresses, by H. N. Parry, and others.

7.30 P. M. Rev. J. A. Durkee.

*Cowie's Dam*—3.00 P. M. Rev. G. H. Goudy.

*Congregational Church*—10.30 A. M. Rev. W. N. Parry.

*Church of Disciples*—7.00 P. M. Rev. P. R. Foster.

*Liverpool Baptist Church*—10.30 A. M. Rev. J. H. Robbins.

7.00 P. M. Rev. R. R. Philip.

*Methodist Church*—10.30 A. M. Rev. I. Wallace.

7.00 P. M. Rev. J. T. Eaton.

*Congregational Church*—7.00 P. M. Rev. J. F. Kempton.

*Brooklyn Baptist Church*—10.30 A. M. Rev. A. E. Ingram.

*Congregational Church*—3 P. M. P. S. McGregor.

*Port Medway*—10.30 A. M. J. M. Parker.

Collections to be taken at all the Baptist Churches for Convention Fund.

*Monday, Morning Session*—Association Sermon by Rev. W. E. Hall. Report of Committees on Obituaries and Christian Beneficence.

*Afternoon Session*—Report of Committee on Circular Letter. Reading of Circular Letter. Report of Committee on Sabbath Schools.

*Evening Session*—Report of Committee on Education, to be followed by addresses.

*Tuesday, Morning Session*—Remaining business, Questions in Letters, &c.

Recommended that Rev. J. H. Robbins be requested to report the doings of this body to the public press.

Report of Infirm Ministers' Fund was read by Rev. A. Cohoon, Secretary-Treasurer. Report adopted. (See Appendix A.)

Report on Denominational Literature was read by the Chairman of Committee, Rev. J. H. Robbins, ably discussed and adopted. (See Appendix B.)

Report on Missions read by Rev. A. Cohoon and laid on the table. (See Appendix C.)

Closing prayer by Rev. P. S. McGregor.

*Saturday—Evening Session.*

After singing, Rev. J. F. Kempton read the Scriptures and offered prayer.

The Moderator announced the subject of the evening—Home and Foreign Missions. The subjects were elucidated and enforced by the following speakers: Revs. J. H. Robbins, M. Normandy, W. E. Hall, I. Wallace, W. A. J. Bleakney, J. H. Saunders, and J. F. Kempton.

The exercises were enlivened by excellent music by the choir.

Benediction by the Moderator.

*Monday—Morning Session.*

After introductory exercises, participated in by Revs. J. H. Sanders, and I. Wallace, the Association Sermon was preached by Rev. W. E. Hall, from 2 Cor. viii. 7. Subject: "The grace of giving." The sermon was a lucid and forcible setting forth of the Bible doctrine of giving, urging the necessity of christians practicing it.

Minutes of last two Sessions were read and approved.

Report on Missions taken from the table and spoken to by Rev.

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J. H. Saunders, referred back to committee with the appointment of Rev. J. H. Saunders, Chairman, and the name of Rev. J. A. Durkee added to Committee.

Report of Committee on Christian Beneficence submitted by Rev. A. Cohoon, and laid on the table. (See Appendix D.)

Committee on Arrangements further reported in part as follows:

1st. That the speakers at the Educational Meeting be the Chairman Rev. I. Wallace, Revs. J. H. Saunders, G. H. Goudy, S. McCully Black, J. A. Durkee, W. E. Hall and others, and that the speakers be limited to fifteen minutes.

2. That Rev. J. H. Saunders, Deacon W. R. Doty, Revs. G. H. Goudy, J. Fletcher, and J. H. Robbins, be a committee to bring in a report on Temperance at the last meeting of this session of the Association. Report adopted.

*Resolved*, That we deeply sympathize with our esteemed brother, Rev. R. R. Philp, in his great affliction, and recommend that during his proposed tour to the Western part of the province generous collections be taken in his behalf in the churches he may visit.

Session closed with prayer by Rev. G. H. Goudy.

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Monday—Afternoon Session.

Prayer by Rev. J. M. Parker.

Minutes of last session read and approved.

*Resolved*, That Revs. I. Wallace, S. McCully Black, and A. Cohoon be appointed a Committee to take into consideration the matter of Tabular form for Statistics.

Committee on Questions in letters reported, recommending that the letters from the new church at Carleton be read and that the church be received into the Association. Report adopted and the church received.

*Resolved*, That this Association meet in its next Annual Session with the church at Lockport.

Committee on Circular Letter reported, recommending that the letter be read and published in the *Christian Messenger*. The letter was read by the writer, Rev. S. McCully Black.

*Resolved*, That the letter read be adopted as the letter of the Association.

*Resolved*, That Rev. W. E. Hall be requested to furnish a copy of the Associational Sermon for publication in the *Christian Messenger*.

*Resolved*, That the report on Christian Beneficence be taken from the table. Report discussed and adopted.

Committee on Sabbath Schools reported. Adopted. (See Appendix E.)

Committee on Obituaries reported. Adopted. (See App. F.)  
The Moderator read the following telegram from Rev. J. A. McLean of Bear River:—"Health improved—off for Colorado—Farewell."

The Clerk was ordered to reply by Post Card. "The Association unite in prayer that your health may be greatly improved and your life prolonged by change of climate."

Committee on Arrangements reported finally as follows :

#### COMMITTEES FOR 1883.

ON EDUCATION.—Revds. J. H. Robbins, G. H. Goudy, and A. Cohoon.

ON CIRCULAR LETTER.—Revds. W. H. Richan, P. S. McGregor, and R. H. Bishop.

ON DENOMINATIONAL LITERATURE.—Revds. J. A. Durkee, H. N. Parry, and G. E. Good.

ON MISSIONS.—Revds. J. F. Kempton, C. Goodspeed, and W. H. Warren.

ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.—Revds. W. E. Hall, R. D. Porter, and J. D. Skinner.

ON QUESTIONS IN LETTERS.—Revds. P. R. Foster, P. F. Murray, and J. T. Eaton.

ON OBITUARIES.—Revds. I. Wallace, J. I. DeWolfe, and J. H. Saunders.

ON TEMPERANCE.—Revds. J. A. Gordon, G. H. Goudy, and Brother Avard Longley.

ON ARRANGEMENTS FOR 1883.—Pastors of the following Baptist Churches, viz.: Lockeport, Osborne, Shelburne, Barrington, Liverpool, Milton, and Deacon A. Locke.

That Rev. J. A. Saunders preach the Association Sermon, Rev. G. E. Good be his alternate. Rev. C. Goodspeed write the Circular Letter. Adopted.

*Resolved*, That the delegates of this Association to Convention be A. Longley, M. P., H. H. Crosby, Esq., Deacons James Nickerson, Austin Locke, and Richard Clarke.

Closing prayer by Rev. M. Normandy.

#### *Monday—Evening Session.*

After singing Rev. J. M. Parker read the Scriptures and offered prayer.

The Moderator announced the subject of the evening "Education," and introduced Rev. I. Wallace, who read the report of the Committee on Education and spoke to it. Revds. J. H. Saunders,

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G. H. Goudy, S. McCully Black, W. E. Hall, J. A. Durkee and A. Cohoon followed in interesting and stirring addresses. The excellent music furnished by the choir added much to the interest of the occasion.

Closing prayer by Rev. J. I. DeWolfe.

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*Tuesday—Morning Session.*

Prayer by Rev. J. H. Fletcher.

Minutes of last two sessions read and approved.

*Resolved*, That the Clerk request the churches not having sent statistics to this Association to send them to the Clerk of the Association.

*Resolved*, That the Report on Education be adopted. (See Appendix G).

Committee on printing Minutes reported. Report adopted. (See Appendix H).

Committee on form of Blank Church Letter reported. Report adopted subject to further action of the Convention.

The Moderator requesting leave of absence, Rev. I. Wallace was appointed to his place.

*Resolved*, That this Association express its strong conviction that the time has fully come when our Convention Board of Home Missions should cooperate with the Baptists of Manitoba in efforts to meet the Missionary want of that rapidly increasing population of the great North-West, and earnestly hope that said Board may move in that direction as early as possible.

Report on Temperance read by Rev. G. H. Goudey and adopted.

*Resolved*, That the Clerk of this Association make known to the Clerks of the Central and Eastern Associations of this province the opinion held by this body that we ought now to have but one Baptist paper for the Maritime Provinces, and that we also give assurance that this Association will heartily support any wise measure directed to that end.

*Resolved*, That this Association memorialize the Convention through its delegates to that body, and request that action be taken at the coming session with the view of providing a suitable Hymn Book for uniform use in the Baptist Churches of the Maritime Provinces.

*Resolved*, That Bro. Austin Locke, with the pastors of Lockeport and Osborne Churches, be a Committee to make Travelling Arrangements for next year.

Committee on Missions reported. Report adopted. According to the recommendation of the Report, prayer was offered for the restoration of the health of Mrs. Sanford and Miss Hammond by Rev. P. R. Foster. The Moderator requested Rev. P. F. Murray

to lead the Association in special prayer for Rev. R. Sanford in his loneliness.

*Resolved*, That Bros. W. R. Doty and J. F. Freeman be a Committee to audit the Treasurer's accounts.

*Resolved*, That the Treasurer be instructed to hand over the moneys in his hands to Rev. Dr. Day, Finance Committee, reserving fifty dollars for printing Minutes.

The Auditing Committee reported Treasurer's accounts examined and found correct. Report adopted.

Treasurer's Report read and adopted.

*Resolved*, That the hearty thanks of this Association be tendered to the friends of Milton for their abundant hospitality; and also to the choir for the music so admirably rendered during the evening sessions.

Association adjourned to meet with the Church at Lockeport the third Saturday in June 1883, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

Prayer by Rev. W. E. Hall.

J. A. DURKEE, *Moderator*.

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# CIRCULAR LETTER.

## THE IMPORTANCE OF THE INTELLECTUAL ELEMENT IN THE CHRISTIAN LIFE.

THE LETTER OF THE N. S. WESTERN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION TO  
THE CHURCHES OF WHICH IT IS COMPOSED.

*Dear Brethren,*—

We are by no means disposed to ignore or to forget the fact, that the culture, which is recognized by the Scriptures as of supreme importance, is concerned not so much with the intellect as with the heart. It is a truth sufficiently well recognized by Baptists, in theory at least, that the education for which the natural condition of humanity most immediately and imperatively calls, is, in its character, spiritual rather than intellectual. Spiritual regeneration is the grand condition of entrance into the Christian life. But the "new creature" is a being of many powers and capacities and must grow on every side. He who would reach forward unto the attainment of the perfect manhood must cultivate all his faculties. It is our purpose in this letter to emphasize the importance of the intellectual element in the Christian's life. And, as the testimony of Holy Scripture, in regard to any doctrine which we teach, is of prime importance, it is well to inquire, what does the Bible teach concerning this matter?

It would be easy to cite passages which directly inculcate the seeking of knowledge and the getting of understanding, but the indirect testimony is still stronger. That loving service which the great and first commandment requires of man lays under contribution his whole nature. It embraces all the mind as well as all the heart. Jesus is satisfied with nothing less in those who would be his disciples than the devotion of their whole life and being to His service. But is it not evident that such service includes the consecration of a cultivated intellect so far as that is reasonably attainable? He who has failed to cultivate and inform his mind, opportunity being given, so as to be able to occupy positions of trust and perform important service for Christ when required, what has he done but wrap his Lord's money in a napkin and bury it in the earth?

But there are other important considerations in this connection. The Bible addresses itself to persons of intelligence. It is true that in regard to the things essential to salvation—the declarations

and commands of the moral law, the doctrines of human sinfulness, of the need of repentance toward God, and of justification through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ—the Bible is level to the humblest comprehension, our “wayfaring men though fools shall not err therein” but it remains true that very much of that Scripture which is “profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness,” is to be adequately comprehended only by those who bring to it intelligence, thoughtfulness, and prayerful study. It is the boast of Protestantism that it has placed the Bible in the hands of the people, but the very character of the Scriptures demands that the people who shall fully enjoy the legitimate benefits of this possession shall be an intelligent people.

But on the other hand, the effect of the religion of Christ is to make men intelligent. By setting men right in regard to the great first principles of religious truth—the truth concerning God and His relation to humanity, the truth concerning man, his nature and destiny, his relations to God and to his fellowmen, the gospel brings men from darkness into light, it breaks down the prison walls of superstition, lifts men out of the horrible and filthy dungeon of sin and makes them children of light by making them children of God. That liberty which is the birth-right of the child of God is something in which his whole nature shares. The mind, exulting in its emancipation, reaches forth on every hand, glad to exercise its powers and eager to drink in knowledge. It is our boast as promoters and defenders of evangelical Christianity that wherever the gospel in its purity is proclaimed to a people and received by them, it enlightens the understanding and fosters intelligence. There are no people on the face of the earth, we proudly contend, where the intellectual life is so free and strong, and, where all the happy results, which well-directed mental energy infallibly produces, are to be found in such large measure, as among those people whose minds are most thoroughly imbued, and whose life is in the largest degree regulated, by the principles of the gospel of Christ.

If, therefore, we consider the testimony of scripture, direct and indirect, the fact that the Bible addresses itself to the thoughtful and intelligent and the historical testimony, as to the power of the gospel to enlighten and strengthen the minds of those who receive it, we cannot doubt that on the one hand the Christian religion demands, and on the other hand, tends to produce, and to develop, not only spiritual but intellectual life.

There are some reasons which may now be urged, as being especially applicable to the present generation, why a larger and more vigorous intellectual life should be sought by our churches.

*First* then—the opportunities for so doing are greater than those which any previous generation has enjoyed. Not only has the free school system placed within the reach of all, advantages, which until recent years could be secured only by the comparatively

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wealthy, but the instruction now made available to all is, in general, of a vastly superior character to that enjoyed by any class in this country, fifty or even twenty-five years ago.

Probably not many of them who have come into our churches during the last ten years are wholly without education, but there are, it is to be feared, a large number of children even in Baptist families who are not reaping to the full the blessings which in this matter have been secured to us. This cannot be too strongly deprecated. We wish therefore that it might be impressed upon the minds and consciences of the parents throughout the circle of this Association, that those parents, who do not see to it that their children shall secure the best elementary education within their reach, are really remiss in a duty which is one of the most solemn and important which God has laid upon them.

Our young men and women should also be encouraged to secure for themselves the eminent advantages which our higher institutions of learning afford, not simply that they may fit themselves for professions, but in order that they may have a broader intellectual life, more mental power and consequently greater influence to be used in the service of Christ. We have reason to be glad and grateful that we have these institutions of learning, which God has blessed and made a blessing, and where the sons and daughters of Baptist families may obtain an education second to none given by any institution in these provinces. It may also be suggested that men of means amongst us could hardly find a better investment for some portion of their surplus capital than in giving to pious young men of energy and ability such a lift as would enable them to secure the education which they so ardently desire.

There is another means of education of which it is right that we should say a word. High schools and colleges are a luxury which a comparatively few only are able to enjoy, but good books, instructive magazines, and wholesome newspapers are within the reach of all. The best of literature both religious and secular is being so extensively published, and in forms so cheap as to place it within reach of every one. This affords to all, who have secured the elements of an education, a great opportunity for mental improvement.

The fact that such opportunities as those above referred to lie within reach, puts us under responsibility in this matter. If parents have it within their power to give to their children such an education as would increase their happiness and usefulness in the world, if young men and women may by diligence and energy secure mental training for themselves, if men of means may help up to positions of honorable service those who are bravely struggling for an education, how shall any of their classes show that they have been faithful to their duties if these things have not been done?

*Secondly.* A second reason may be found in the fact that in the

present age, as in no other of the past, there is need of men and women who are able to instruct others. The Sunday Schools and Mission Schools which form so important a department of Christian work at the present, call for a host of workers who need not only to be earnest Christians, but to be intelligent and apt to teach.

How often does a member of the church when asked to occupy some position of service and influence, as, for example, superintendent or teacher in the Sunday School, shrink back and say, "Oh! I cannot undertake this work. I am not fit for it. I do not know enough," which, in many cases no doubt, is perfectly true. But what excuse is there for its being true? In most cases, if the privileges which have been within reach had been made use of, those persons, who are shrinking from the positions of service and responsibility to which Christ and the Church are calling them, might have been well-equipped for the work. Almost every pastor sees around him work which needs to be done, work which his own hands are too full to undertake and which remains undone because men and women of intelligence and earnest piety are not found to go forward and take the lead in doing it.

*Thirdly.* We would urge, as one of the strongest reasons why we should seek to promote a vigorous intellectual life among our people, the fact that there are very great temptations to mental dissipation. There is a temptation to an evil use of almost every good thing. The ability to read is no exception. There are good books and cheap in plenty, good magazines and newspapers also, and the young man or woman, who desires to read that which is good and adapted to edify, need not want the means of cultivating the mind and enlarging knowledge. But we must not shut our eyes to the fact that the land is full of literary trash of the most wretched and despicable character, some of it positively and intentionally immoral which is merely weak, sickly, sloppy, sentimental and effeminate, fit only to enervate the mind, ruin the memory and create a distaste for everything solid and instructive whether written or spoken. This wretched stuff, which it would be a sin to dignify by the name of literature, is finding its way, only too readily, into Christian households, heralded by some flaming advertisement, baited for the old folks by an agricultural and a kitchen department and accompanied by a host of gorgeous chromos or a pile of brazen jewelry! Very surely it does its work creating an appetite which grows by what it feeds on. But what kind of men and women are they likely to become whose young mental and moral natures are fed on such pabulum as this? We are not likely to overrate the evil arising from this intellectual dissipation. It is no doubt an evil of grave proportions which is becoming greater, and the effect will be, in so far as it reaches, to destroy the mental vigor of those who now are, or who are expected to become, the members of our churches.

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only important element in the Christian life. It is one among others. We only say that it is a very important one, and that it does not at the present time receive sufficient attention. The emotional element in religion is not by any means to be lost sight of, but emotion must be regulated by intelligence, and zeal must be according to knowledge. The whole nature should be brought into the Lord's service, mind, heart, soul and strength. If only the emotional side of our nature be enlisted then will our religion be of fitful and uncertain type which is unfortunately so common in these days.

In view of what has been said it becomes a serious question, how the members of our churches and congregations and especially the young, may be so trained as to become thoughtful, serious and intelligent men and women, held to religious doctrine and duty, not only by emotional attraction, but by the grasp of the intellect and the consent of the understanding.

A good deal, of course, depends upon the pastor. If he is at all worthy to fill the office which he occupies he will certainly be a serious, thoughtful and intelligent man and the legitimate result of these qualities will be to beget similar qualities among his people. If, however, the minister should find that, among his people, there is a portion, perhaps a large portion, which receives very listlessly his most thoughtful and carefully prepared sermons, and are better pleased with the sonorous platitude or the *quasi* religious sensationalism of some windy Boanerges than with the winnowed results of his own most prayerful and conscientious study, let him not be in any hurry to lower his standard to agree with that of his hearers. Let him rather seek to raise theirs up to his own. In some cases at least, something may be done by the pastor, with the help of others toward lifting the intellectual life, and with it the moral life, of his people, into a higher plane, by organizing a literary society, through the influence of which, the young people of the church and congregation, may be led into good and wholesome lines of reading and of thought. Something also may be done by making the literature which is supplied to the families of the church through the Sunday School library of such a character that it shall inform the mind, develop right principles and cultivate a wholesome taste, instead of being as it too often is a feeder of mental dissipation.

It must never be forgotten however, that the great aim must be to inculcate religious truth, and for religious truth we must go to the Bible. If we would have men and women of religious stability and intelligence, we must feed them upon the Bible. But the problem too often is—How shall they be induced to feed upon the Bible?

It is not an encouraging thing to consider how much, or rather how little, Bible reading finds a place in the life of the average church-member.

Let the pastor then, by all means, instruct his people and especially

the young in the truths of the Bible. But what if he find that his people refuse to be so instructed? If we are not mistaken, it is the ordinary experience of pastors that there is a demand for *preaching* rather than teaching, and perhaps it is not going too far to say that the preaching is popular in proportion as it appeals to the emotions and imagination and leaves the understanding and the conscience alone. The demand is emphatically for *preaching*. There must be two or three sermons on Sunday, two or three prayer meetings (so called) through the week, and a *series of meetings* from time to time. The preached-to-death minister finds no time to *teach* the Word, nay scarcely for regular and vigorous *study* of it on his own account.

There is, if we mistake not, a grave danger in the perpetual preaching of the present day, a danger that those who preach the Word will preach themselves to death, not physically, but intellectually, and especially spiritually, and that their hearers shall be nursed into spiritual imbecility and sloth. One good sermon on Sunday is as much as any man, woman or child ought to hear.

But the pastor cannot do much alone to effect a reform in this matter. There must be co-operation. Let churches say to their pastors, "Go forward as our guide and teacher, and we will heartily unite with you in the study of God's truth." Let a part of every Lord's day be given to a study of the Word by the pastor and all the people. Let parents give their children good and wholesome books to read, and see to it that they do not read the ruinous trash that is everywhere abundant. Let them reverence and read their Bibles, and teach their children so to do. Let young men and maidens, "cry aloud for knowledge and lift up their voice for understanding," let them "seek for her as for silver and search for her as for hid treasures," so shall there come to be a greater desire to hear the Word of God than to listen to displays of mere human eloquence, and so might there come to be a vertebrated type of Christianity which is greatly to be desired.

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## APPENDIX.

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### Report of the Board of the Infirm Ministers' Fund.

Your Board respectfully submit their final statement :

Balance from last year.....\$348 25

#### PAID OUT.

Widow of the late Rev. W. G. Parker.....	30 00
"    "    Charles Randall.....	40 00
To Board of the Convention.....	277 00
P. O. Order, Cheque, Postage, &c.....	1 25
Total.....	\$248 25

As directed by the Association and empowered by the Act incorporating the "Board of Management of Ministerial Relief and Aid Fund of the Baptist Convention of the Maritime Provinces," our funds, work, &c., have all been transferred to said Board, viz. :

1 Cheque for.....	\$277 00
1 Mortgage.....	600 00
1 Note of hand worth.....	57 55
Total.....	\$934 55

Your Board are thankful that this work has been again placed under the direction of the Convention, and trust that the change will tend to such an increase of interest as will lead to largely increased contributions for this important part of our Denominational work.

Hebron, June 6th, 1882.

A. COHOON, *Secretary-Treasurer.*

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### Report of Committee on Denominational Literature.

Denominational Literature is simply one part of religious literature. As Christians we should do all in our power to circulate good books of standard religious worth. But we have an additional mission. We are Baptists, and there must be some reason for our denominational separation. There must be some work for

us which we could not do in connection with others. That special work is to preserve the ordinances of the gospel in their scriptural simplicity and purity, and to disseminate God's sacred truth concerning them. If we neglect to do this we have no need of separation.

There are various methods tending to the same results; the Pulpit, the Sabbath School, and the Press should coöperate in this work.

**Sabbath School Literature.** As it would be inconsistent for a Baptist Church to employ a Pedobaptist pastor, so it is equally inconsistent for Baptist Sabbath Schools to use Pedobaptist, or so-called "Union" Lesson Helps. If published Lesson Helps are used, we plead, in the name of consistency, and in the interest of our God-given mission, do not use such as pervert or even omit those very truths we are set to defend.

In our Sabbath School Libraries also let there be a fair proportion of good denominational books.

Another important factor in Denominational Literature is Baptist Tracts. There is a rich variety of these published by the Baptist Publication Society. Every Pastor and Sabbath School should have a supply. Their judicious distribution would result in much good. It is not known as widely as it should be that Baptists have a Denominational Literature, rich and varied in thought and style, and solid in truth. Let us put this literature before our people and before the world, with the prayer that God will make it the messenger of God to erring souls.

The denominational paper also demands attention under the head of Denominational Literature. It will be conceded by all that, as a denomination, in this respect we are in an anomalous position. There are several papers published as private enterprises, professing to be in the interests of the denomination. But they are largely local or personal interests, sometimes inharmonious and even antagonistic, by no means supplying the necessities of the denomination, or meeting the demand of the times; and we earnestly express the hope that soon the *Christian Messenger* and *Christian Visitor* will cease to be separate provincial papers, and that we will have instead one Baptist paper for the Maritime Provinces, more worthy of the patronage of the thousands of Baptist families, and we hope that some practical measure will be proposed, which will be accepted and supported by the denomination.

Respectfully submitted,  
J. H. ROBBINS, *Chairman.*

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## Report of Committee on Missions.

As the cause of Missions is so intimately related to the advancement of the Redeemer's kingdom, your Committee believe that every lover of the Lord Jesus should be interested in Missions, and be aiding in their advancement. They notice with much satisfaction the energy with which the Home Mission Board is prosecuting the work assigned to them. Already they are assisting about 100 weak churches, embracing in all more than 250 stations, thus aiding throughout the whole or part of the year upwards of 50 laborers.

Your Committee fear that this work may be hindered by a heavy debt at the close of the Convention year, unless there is commendable increase in the contributions of the churches. Though there is nothing of special interest in the French Department of the home work, we believe the truth is working among that people, and the mission is exercising an influence for good far beyond what we may suppose.

### FOREIGN MISSIONS.

While deeply regretting the separation of some of the missionaries from our Foreign Mission, we feel there is great cause for thankfulness that the lives of our missionaries have been spared, and we would urge that prayer be offered for the recovery of Sister Sanford, who is now on her way home; and for Sister Hammond who though still in India is in a very enfeebled state. Now that three stations have been provided with suitable mission compounds, your Committee believe that the mission should be reinforced, and they are glad to know that the Board have this matter under consideration, and hope they may be able to send forth two more families in the coming Autumn.

We notice with much satisfaction that during the past year several have professed faith in Christ in the Telugu mission field, and we urge the brethren and sisters to make earnest prayer that richer blessings may be granted and the mission made to rejoice in larger ingatherings.

Your Committee further report that the history and present status of our Foreign Mission work demands a careful consideration of past action, and as careful thought as to what should be the policy of the future.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. SAUNDERS, *Chairman.*

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### Report of Committee on Christian Beneficence.

Touching the important matter of Christian Beneficence, your Committee desire to call attention to the following points :

1. To give for the support and advance of the cause of Christ is a Christian duty and privilege.

2. To teach the people to perform this duty, and enjoy this privilege is the work of the pastor, and he who fails in this keeps back something that is profitable to his flock, and does not teach the observance of all things commanded by Christ.

3. The amount contributed by many of the churches of this Association during the last Convention year for the denominational work, is much below what might be reasonably expected of them. (See report of Finance Committee in Year Book for 1881.)

4. The "Convention Scheme" deserves the approval of all interested in the raising of benevolent funds. (1) Because it affords a wholesome stimulus. (2) Because it proposes to provide for all departments of our benevolent work according to their *respective needs*.

5. For the carrying out of this plan each church should adopt some method of collecting the funds, simple in its working, and at the same time of such a character as to keep the subject before the people throughout the entire year. An excellent method is the envelope plan.

Respectfully submitted,

A. COBURN, *Chairman.*

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### Report of Committee on Sabbath Schools.

Your committee believe that the Sabbath School holds an important place in its relation to the church, that while it is not the church, nor the children's church, nor a section of the church, it nevertheless stands in an indispensable relation to its increase and prosperity.

We wish to call the attention of the churches to the tendency manifested almost everywhere to supplant the Word of God with the speculations of men, to substitute lesson leaves for the leaves of the Tree of Life. To put in the place of prayer, and a patient use of the marginal references of our Bibles, paper often spoiled with printers' ink, to exhibit highly colored pictures and pious cartoons in place of the divinely sketched outlines of God's redemption work as seen in the Bible. Let us, while we may be helped in the use of all proper and legitimate aids in our work, be careful that these foreign auxiliaries do not serve as stilts to

exalt us above our work, or trip us up in the quest of sacred truth. We wish furthermore to give special emphasis, to the needs of many who compose our church membership as being met in the arrangements and provisions of the Sabbath School, viz. : the want of a more thorough, broad and critical knowledge of the Word of God. From an acquaintance with the facts we are convinced that the wants of the hour demand, and can be best met by the members of our churches entering the Sabbath School either as teachers or as students.

G. H. GOUDEY, *Chairman.*

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### Report of Committee on Obituaries.

God in his good providence has left unbroken by death the ranks of the ministry of the Western Baptist Association of N. S., for the year now ending.

There has occurred however the death of one whose departure has caused a very wide regret, and your Committee feel that it is fitting in this report to make mention of the death of our esteemed and beloved brother, Rev. Dr. Cramp, and the faithful services he gave to the denomination. While we mourn let us be grateful that the honored life was so long and so beneficent. Your Committee also learn with regret that a large number of deacons and prominent lay-members have been called away by death during the year, memorable among whom are the names of Deas. P. Calkin, of Liverpool; Peleg Murray, of Brookfield, Queens Co.; H. H. Morse, of Paradise, and Bro. A. Gidney, of Bridgetown, N. S.

J. F. EATON, *Chairman.*

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### Report of Committee on Education.

Your Committee report that they have received the following statement in reference to the condition of the institutions at Wolfville, from Rev. A. W. Sawyer, D. D., President of Acadia College:

*The Academy.*—The attendance for the past year has been about the same as the year before. A larger number of our young men should be in the Academy. In the villages and towns the High Schools serve a good purpose, but they send few to college. In the more sparsely settled sections of the country there are many young men of good abilities who should be in the Academy. The duty of ministers to encourage such should be noted. A change will be made in the Boarding department. The old Boarding

House will be repaired, the younger Academy students placed here with the Principal and an assistant teacher, and these will be a family by themselves, the boarding department being under the charge of a matron. We are hoping that this change will be productive of much good. The instruction in this department is spoken of by those who have visited it as thorough and satisfactory. We are anticipating a better school in the year to come and ask for an increase of patronage.

*The Seminary.*—The attendance in this department has increased during the last year, particularly in the Boarding department. Five young ladies graduated. The prospect is that there will be an increase in the attendance. The school is now well organized and our young ladies can obtain a good education without leaving the Province. We have a comfortable and convenient building with a corps of teachers deserving of the confidence of the public. The number of young ladies who should attend such a school ought to be larger than can be accommodated in our building. The financial condition of the Academy and Seminary is quite satisfactory. They will, I think, close the year without debt.

*The College.*—Number in attendance 60; nine graduated. We are expecting a larger number next year. The work in the classroom was done last year, I think, with more than the usual degree of earnestness and thoroughness. The interest in the College seems to be extending. The financial condition of the College awakens some anxiety. It was stated at the last meeting of the Convention that the plan which that body had adopted for raising money for its various objects had not yielded sufficient revenue and the College was steadily falling into debt. There has been some change for the better the past year. But we fear there will be some deficiency again this year, and thus the debt be increased. Our Board have been disposed to work with the Finance Committee of the Convention, but they are not contented to see responsibilities gathering on them with no means for discharging them. Probably there will be a deficiency of \$1,000 this year. Is it not possible for some special means to be used to increase the returns on the Convention plan before the 1st of August?

*The Theological Department* is gaining the confidence of the people. The impression is extending that the continuance of the department is necessary. In the *Messenger* of this week will be seen some statement of the work done by the Theological students. It is certainly creditable to them. Financially it is now connected with the College. But if it is to be continued as it ought to be, the churches should give to it a much more generous support.

This statement your Committee regard as in the main quite encouraging. It is, however, to be regretted that the income from the Endowment, Notes of Hand, and Convention Fund has not been sufficient to meet the expenditure of the College during the

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current year by \$1,000. This alarming fact should stimulate the friends of our Institutions of learning to enlarged benevolence in their behalf.

As the prosperity of these Institutions seems so intimately connected with our progress as a denomination, your Committee commend them to the increased liberality, patronage, and prayers of our churches.

Submitted,

ISA. WALLACE, *Chairman.*

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**Report of Committee on Printing the Minutes.**

*Resolved*, 1. That we request the Convention to publish the Minutes of this Association with their own Minutes, allowing us seven pages in addition to the tables, and in case it declines to do so the Clerks be a Committee for publishing the Minutes as usual.

2. That \$50.00 of the moneys received at this Association be placed in the hands of the Committee as our proportion towards the printing of the Year Book, and that the Convention be requested to publish such an additional number of copies of Year Book as will give this Association about 1,000 copies as its proportion.

3. That hereafter the church be requested to send up to this Association for the publishing of Minutes in the Year Book a sum equal to 12 cents per copy for the number of copies desired.

Passed.

## Ministers of the N. S. Western Baptist Association.

NAME.	Place of residence.	Date of Ordination.	Place of Ordination.
Rev. H. Achilles	Parker's Cove, Ann. Co.	Nov. 1, 1854	Marshall's Cove.
" W. A. J. Bleakney	Nictaux, Ann. Co.	1860	Cambridge, N. B.
" R. H. Bishop	Port Medway, Queens.	1879	Stewiacke.
" A. Cohoon	Hebron, Yarmouth Co.	July 11, 1872	Paradise.
" John Clark	Yarmouth	1866	Godmanchester, G. B.
" A. Cogswell	Lake George, Yar. Co.	Jan., 1843	St. Mary's Bay.
" G. E. Day	Yarmouth	June 25, 1868	Yarmouth.
" J. A. Durkee	Lockeport, Shelburne.	Oct. 13, 1878	Milton, Queens.
" J. I. DeWolf	Milton, Queens	Dec. 4, 1874	Ugig, P. E. I.
" J. T. Eaton	Paradise, Annap. Co.	Aug. 11, 1876	St. Stephen's, N. B.
" J. H. Fletcher	Kempt, Queens Co.	Feb. 15, 1882	Kempt, Queens Co.
" J. A. Gordon	Yarmouth	1875	East Point, P. E. I.
" G. E. Good	Annapolis	Nov. 27, 1878	Sackville, N. B.
" G. H. Goudy	Shelburne	June 7, 1877	St. Mary's Bay.
" Calvin Goodspeed	Yarmouth	June, 1869	Andover.
" W. E. Hall	Melvern Square, A. Co.	Sept. 23, 1864	New Germany.
" A. E. Ingram	Westport, Digby Co.	May 28, 1874	North-West, Lunenb'g.
" J. F. Kempton	Fresport, Digby Co.	—	Mira, C. B.
" J. C. Morse	Digby Neck	Nov. 30, 1842	Digby Neck.
" P. F. Murray	Milton, Queens	March 14, 1848	Westport.
" P. McGregor	Tusket, Yarmouth	—	Newport.
" J. F. McKenne	Ragged Islands, Shelb.	Oct. 20, 1859	Greenfield.
" M. Normandy	Saulnierville, Digby.	July 20, 1859	Yarmouth.
" Obed Parker	Melvern Square, A. Co.	Feb. 21, 1841	Wilmot.
" J. M. Parker	Clements, Annap. Co.	Oct. 5, 1865	Springfield.
" W. L. Parker	St. Mary's Bay, Digby.	Sept. 20, 1863	Aylesford.
" H. N. Parry	Chegggin, Yar. Co.	April 25, 1877	Gaspereaux.
" R. D. Porter	Middleton, Annap. Co.	Sept. 17, 1867	Dartmouth.
" W. H. Richan	Barrington, Shelb. Co.	Sept. 30, 1866	Barrington.
" John Rowe	Ohio, Yarmouth Co.	—	1850 Maccan.
" J. H. Robbins	Middleton, Annap. Co.	Aug. 29, 1878	Rawdon.
" J. H. Saunders	Digby	Aug. 11, 1858	Ohio.
" J. D. Skinner	Arcadia, Yar. Co.	April 26, 1875	Beaver River.
" J. A. Stubbart	Deerfield, Yar. Co.	Dec. 17, 1843	Port Medway.
" E. H. Sweet	Port Lorne, Annap. Co.	Feb. 28, 1882	Arlington, Annap. Co.
" G. B. Titus	Beaver River, Yar. Co.	March 26, 1874	Osborne.
" N. Vidito	Bridgetown, Ann. Co.	May 16, 1832	Paradise.
" W. H. Warren	Bridgetown	Feb. 8, 1872	Cavendish, P. E. I.
" I. Wallace	Lower Granville	April 8, 1856	Scotch Town, N. B.

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- S. E. Miller, Upper Wilmot.
- I. M. Longley, Wilmot.
- Penj. Miller, Bridgetown.
- Enos Kempton, Milton, Queens Co.
- Abner Chesley, Clarence.
- S. H. Cain, Temple, Yarmouth.

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## Moneys appropriated during the Year, reported by Churches.

NAMES OF CHURCHES.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Academy College.	Infirm Ministers.	Convention Fund.	Total.
1 Brookfield.....					\$57 50	\$57 50
2 Westport.....					59 35	59 35
3 Hampton.....					23 20	23 20
4 Annapolis and Upper Wilmot.....	\$3 30	\$18 65		\$1 25		
5 Weymouth.....			21 03		55 73	270 75
6 Sable River.....					19 80	19 80
7 Lower Granville.....					32 00	32 00
8 Pine Grove.....					44 00	44 00
9 New Albany.....					23 00	23 00
10 Sherbrooke West.....					13 00	13 00
11 New Tusket.....					5 00	5 00
12 St. Mary's Bay.....					16 00	16 00
13 Springfield.....					16 00	16 00
14 Metax.....					12 00	12 00
15 Freeport.....						700 00
16 Liverpool.....		25 00			45 00	70 00
17 Yarmouth Srd.....					31 00	31 00
18 Yarmouth West.....		16 00				16 00
19 Digby.....					72 00	72 00
20 Barrington.....	10 50				25 00	35 50
21 Lockeport.....		8 00			15 00	23 00
22 Yarmouth Ist.....	216 12	79 49			92 37	92 37
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Statistics of the Churches in the N. S. Western Association, held at Milton, June, 1882.

NAME OF CHURCH.	DATE OF ORGANIZATION.	PASTOR'S NAME.	Year of Settlement.	CLERK, AND P. O. ADDRESS.	INCREASE.			DECREASE.			Resident Members.	Non-resident M'brs.	Total Membership.	Total Mem. last year.
					By Baptism.	By Letter.	By Statement.	Restoration.	Dismission.	Exclusion.				
1 Acadia French Mission.....	1870	M. Normandy.....		William K. Smith, St. Mary's Bay.									34	34
2 Annapolis Royal.....	1874	G. E. Good.....		J. A. Brittain, Annapolis.....	3								104	102
3 Annapolis and Upper Granville.....	1861	W. H. Warren.....		M. L. Fields, Bridgetown.....	4								296	300
4 Argyle.....	1830	P. S. McGregor.....		Heman Nickerson, Argyle, Yarmouth Co.									151	12
5 Acadia.....	1871	J. D. Skinner.....		B. C. Robbins, Arcadia, Yarmouth Co.	1								94	86
6 Barrington.....	1854	W. H. Richan.....		Josiah Smith, Barrington.....	1								25	13
7 Beaver River.....	1846	G. B. Titus.....		R. C. Raymond, Beaver River, Yar. Co.									183	55
8 Brookfield.....	1828			A. J. Leadbetter, North Brookfield.	1								130	48
9 Caledonia.....	1864	J. H. Fletcher.....		P. L. Telfer, Brookfield.....									130	180
10 Clements.....	1816	J. M. Parker.....		Jos. Potter, Clementsfort, Annapolis Co.	17								303	42
11 Carleton.....	1823	H. N. Parry.....		R. F. Telfer, Carleton, Yarmouth Co.									14	14
12 Digby.....	1840	J. H. Saunders.....		George S. Parker, Digby.....									93	28
13 Digby Neck 1st.....	1809	J. C. Morse.....		W. C. Denton, Waterford, Digby Co.									87	17
14 Digby Neck 2nd.....	1809	J. C. Morse.....		Joseph W. Denton, Digby Co.									109	109
15 Freeport.....	1834	F. Kempton.....		N. J. Thurber, Freeport, Digby Co.	3								236	9
16 Forest Glen.....													21	21
17 Greenfield.....	1835			Charles P. Freeman, Queens Co.									96	135
18 Greywood and Milford.....	1861			E. C. Vidilo, Milford, Annapolis Co.	2								95	13
19 Hampton.....	1824	E. H. Sweet.....		Jacob Chute, Hampton, Annapolis Co.	30								137	152
20 Hebron.....	1837	A. Coboon.....		James Crosby, Wellington, Yarmouth Co.	15								306	70
21 Hillsburg 1st.....	1823			T. H. Miller, Bear River, Annapolis Co.	6								376	368
22 Hillsburg 2nd.....	1843	W. L. Parker.....		John S. Thoms, Smiths Cove, Digby Co.	1								264	60
23 Hill Grove.....	1849			A. Nichols, Hill Grove, Digby Co.	2								81	29
24 Jordan Bay and Sand Point.....	1855	G. H. Gundy.....		John Dall, Sand Point, Shelburne Co.									94	93
25 Jordan River.....	1855	G. H. Gundy.....		Charles Hayden, Jordan River, Sheib. Co.									16	119
26 Kempt.....	1866	J. Fletcher.....		W. DeLong, Kempt, Queens Co.	22								35	49
27 Liverpool.....	1851	S. McC. Black.....		G. S. Parker, Liverpool, N. S.	20								125	8
28 Lockport.....	1870	A. Dunke.....		Clifford Locke, Lockport.....	1								103	8
29 Lake George.....	1849	A. Cogswell.....		Charles Crosby, Lake George.....									138	36
30 Lawrencetown and Valley West.....	1873	R. D. Porter.....		Robert Fuziakoff, Lawrencetown.....	1								174	173
31 Lower Granville.....	1800	L. Wallace.....		C. F. Armstrong, Granville Ferry.....	13								169	20
32 Lower Sable River.....				Thomas Beamer, Lower Sable River.....	6								5	27
33 Lewis Head.....	1841			Thomas O. Giffin, Lewis Head.....									42	259
34 Litchfield.....	1862												163	136
35 Mill Village.....													108	118

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23 Hill Grove.	1843 W. L. Parker.	1878 A. Nichols, Hill Grove, Digby Co.	2	1	3	1	3	4	31	103	8	111	116
24 Jordan Bay and Sand Point.	1856 G. H. Goudy	1878 John Dall, Sand Point, Shelburne Co.	1	2	1	1	3	3	1	138	86	174	178
25 Jordan River.	1856 G. H. Goudy	1878 Charles Hayden, Jordan River, Shelb. Co.	1	2	1	1	3	3	2	163	20	283	172
26 Laverpool.	1851 J. Fletcher.	1881 W. DeLong, Kempf, Queens Co.	20	2	2	1	3	5	5	217	42	239	215
27 Laverpool.	1851 G. S. Parker, Liverpool, N. S.	1880 G. S. Parker, Liverpool, N. S.	1	2	2	1	3	5	5	217	42	239	215
28 Lockport.	1823 H. A. Burke.	1879 Clifford Locke, Lockport	1	3	1	1	3	4	3	103	8	111	116
29 Lake George.	1840 A. Coghill.	1878 Charles Crosby, Lake George	1	3	1	1	3	4	3	103	8	111	116
30 Lawrenceton and Valley West.	1873 R. D. Porter.	1881 Robert FitzRandolf, Lawrencestown.	13	2	1	1	3	3	1	138	86	174	178
31 Lower Granville.	1800 L. Wallace.	1882 C. F. Armstrong, Granville, Perry.	50	6	1	1	3	5	5	217	42	239	215
32 Lower Sabie River.	1841	Thomas Beaser, Lower Sabie River.	50	6	1	1	3	5	5	217	42	239	215
33 Lewis Head.	1862	Thomas O. Giffin, Lewis Head.	1	1	1	1	3	1	1	109	130	305	314
34 Litchfield.	1868	David Sprowl, Litchfield, Annapolis Co.	3	9	2	2	4	2	4	109	130	305	314
35 Mill Village.	1868 F. H. Bishop	1881 F. M. Steadman, Mill Village.	3	9	2	2	4	2	4	109	130	305	314
36 Milton, Queens Co.	1839 J. DeWalle.	1878 Geo. W. Freeman, Milton, Queens Co.	3	9	2	2	4	2	4	109	130	305	314
37 Milton, Yarmouth Co.	1871 J. A. Gordon.	1880 C. S. F. Robbins, Yarmouth Co.	3	9	2	2	4	2	4	109	130	305	314
38 Middlefield.	1856	S. F. Whitman, Middlefield, Queens Co.	3	9	2	2	4	2	4	109	130	305	314
39 Nictaux.	1809	S. F. Whitman, Middlefield, Queens Co.	3	9	2	2	4	2	4	109	130	305	314
40 New Albany.	1830 N. Vidito	1881 Jesse Oakes, New Albany, Annapolis Co.	3	9	2	2	4	2	4	109	130	305	314
41 New Tusket.	1843 W. Spencer.	1881 J. G. Nowlan, Havelock, Digby Co.	3	9	2	2	4	2	4	109	130	305	314
42 Ohio.	1862	James E. Allen, Ohio, Yarmouth Co.	3	9	2	2	4	2	4	109	130	305	314
43 Parker's Cove.	1861 J. H. Robbins.	1879 Isiah Dodge, Middleton.	3	9	2	2	4	2	4	109	130	305	314
44 Pine Grove.	1822 R. H. Bishop.	1881 Curtis Weathers, Fort Meadway	3	9	2	2	4	2	4	109	130	305	314
45 Port Medway.	1856 W. H. Ritchan.	1881 John F. Larkin, East Fubnic	3	9	2	2	4	2	4	109	130	305	314
46 Fubnic.	1866 P. F. Foster	1881 Jacob Giffin, Osborne, Shelburne Co.	3	9	2	2	4	2	4	109	130	305	314
47 Ragged Islands 1st.	1865 J. F. McKenne	Allen Matthews, Black Point, Shelb. Co.	3	9	2	2	4	2	4	109	130	305	314
48 Ragged Islands 2nd.	J. F. McKenne	Allen Matthews, Black Point, Shelb. Co.	3	9	2	2	4	2	4	109	130	305	314
49 Sabie River.	1866 G. H. Goudy.	1863 James Dumlly, Sabie River.	3	9	2	2	4	2	4	109	130	305	314
50 Shelburne.	1846	1878 E. D. Taylor, Shelburne.	3	9	2	2	4	2	4	109	130	305	314
51 Sherbrooke West.	1846	T. A. Wilson, Kings Co.	3	9	2	2	4	2	4	109	130	305	314
52 Springfield.	1843 W. L. Parker.	J. W. Freeman, Springfield, Annapolis Co.	3	9	2	2	4	2	4	109	130	305	314
53 St. Mary's Bay.	1834 P. S. McGregor.	1878 N. R. Westcott, Brighton, Digby Co.	3	9	2	2	4	2	4	109	130	305	314
54 Tusket.	1871 J. Clark.	1880 A. S. Lent, Tusket.	3	9	2	2	4	2	4	109	130	305	314
55 Temple, Yarmouth.	1873 J. F. Kempton	1879 Joshua Huesels, Yarmouth, N. S.	3	9	2	2	4	2	4	109	130	305	314
56 Tiverton.	1872 W. E. Hall.	1880 Charles F. Fyne, Tiverton, Digby Co.	3	9	2	2	4	2	4	109	130	305	314
57 Upper Wilnot.	1799 W. Spencer.	1876 Dimock Gaze, Margaretville.	3	9	2	2	4	2	4	109	130	305	314
58 Westport.	1800 A. E. Ingram.	1881 W. C. Hartinson, Weymouth.	3	9	2	2	4	2	4	109	130	305	314
59 Wood's Harbour.	1869	1879 Jesse Harris, Westport, Digby Co.	3	9	2	2	4	2	4	109	130	305	314
60 Westport.	1810 J. T. Eaton.	1879 A. Longley, Paradise, Annapolis Co.	3	9	2	2	4	2	4	109	130	305	314
61 Wilnot.	1835 E. H. Sweet.	1881 Jos. Graves, Fort Lorne, Annapolis Co.	3	9	2	2	4	2	4	109	130	305	314
62 Wilnot Mountain.	1797 C. A. Goodspeed.	1881 C. W. Sanders, Yarmouth.	3	9	2	2	4	2	4	109	130	305	314
63 Yarmouth 1st.	1843 J. D. Skinner.	1880 F. S. Crosby, Pleasant Valley	3	9	2	2	4	2	4	109	130	305	314
64 Yarmouth 3rd.	1853 J. D. Skinner.	1882 J. R. Robbins, Chebogue.	3	9	2	2	4	2	4	109	130	305	314
65 Yarmouth South.	1853 H. N. Parry.	1878 Wm. Corning, Chebogue, Yarmouth Co.	3	9	2	2	4	2	4	109	130	305	314
66 Yarmouth West.	1853 H. N. Parry.	1878 Wm. Corning, Chebogue, Yarmouth Co.	3	9	2	2	4	2	4	109	130	305	314

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16	Lepton.....	H. E. Croably.....	112	123	239	139	9	8	17	60	101	364	81	23
17	Harford.....	James Croably.....	25	46	73	55	4	6	9	12	40	120	30	00
18	Quaker.....	S. H. Jeffrey.....	20	35	45	36	5	1	6	8	10	100	20	00
19	Way.....	Daniel Whitman.....	24	33	45	36	5	2	4	25	29	200	4	00
20	East Grove.....	A. Ficker.....	25	30	53	45	3	3	6	10	7	110	9	00
21	Ohio.....													
22	Fort Medway.....	James E. Allen.....	33	45	105	85	3	5	11	10	70	.....	.....	.....
23	Lake George.....	Thomas Atkins.....	51	44	95	99	8	13	15	30	82	30	00	.....
24	Milton, Queens Co.....	Ira Porter.....	33	42	75	56	4	6	20	.....	200	200	23	52
25	Stony Beach.....	Joseph B. Freeman.....	43	50	95	80	5	4	.....	.....	150	.....	.....	.....
26	Granville Ferry.....	W. E. Armsstrong.....	65	85	159	104	4	13	10	53	200	.....	.....	.....
27	Sable River.....	James Reid.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	8	6	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
28	Hillsburg.....	Alexander Horton.....	18	28	40	35	3	8	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
29	Digby.....	William Nichol.....	35	30	65	40	3	8	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
30	Middlefield.....	E. C. Crane.....	60	64	124	83	6	9	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
31	Kempt, Queens Co.....	James E. Morton.....	20	40	60	28	2	11	40	30	20	40	10	00
32	Northfield.....	Simon Delong.....	5	7	12	10	1	5	30	17	.....	.....	.....	.....
33	Westport.....	Joseph Blaguet.....	32	25	57	.....	3	3	.....	6	.....	15	00	.....
34	Bridgetown.....	Henry Glavin.....	25	22	47	.....	2	5	10	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
35	Centreville.....	R. C. Fields.....	50	73	123	100	7	8	.....	.....	100	10	00	.....
36	Weymouth.....	W. C. Hankinson.....	46	50	95	60	3	6	13	28	75	8	00	.....
37	Wilmot Mountains.....	Joseph Graves.....	23	27	50	40	2	6	30	40	174	70	00	.....
38	Hampton.....	John Charlton.....	15	27	45	40	4	4	.....	.....	100	5	00	.....
39	Greenfield.....	Joshua Porter.....	45	54	99	95	5	4	8	16	10	238	15	00
40	Brookfield.....	Stewart Hunt.....	35	42	77	65	4	9	12	80	300	10	00	.....
41	Barrington.....	A. J. Leadbetter.....	22	16	38	29	3	8	12	60	200	.....	.....	.....
42	Clements.....	L. A. Porter.....	24	30	54	49	4	6	.....	.....	13	.....	.....	.....
43	Arcadia.....	.....	30	30	60	50	3	7	60	53	.....	.....	.....	.....
44	Lavrecastown.....	Albert Kelley.....	.....	21	25	.....	1	6	.....	20	100	2	00	.....
45	Valley West.....	William McKeown.....	40	50	90	80	5	4	.....	.....	.....	25	00	.....
46	Lockport.....	Albert Dunn.....	62	55	117	52	4	9	30	40	100	.....	9	75
47	Yarmouth Ist.....	Amass H. Plak.....	30	30	60	45	3	8	11	.....	110	23	00	.....
48	Milcon, Yarmouth Co.....	C. W. Sanders.....	65	55	120	105	6	4	.....	.....	100	84	75	.....
		W. Nickerson.....	78	99	177	135	5	14	20	20	40	600	127	61
			46	95	105	100	2	10	12	38	41	325	55	00

### Treasurer's Report

OF MONIES FOR BENEVOLENT OBJECTS RECEIVED AT THE N. S. WESTERN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION  
HELD WITH THE BAPTIST CHURCH AT MILTON, QUEENS CO., JUNE 10, 1882.

CHURCHES.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	French Missions.	Infirm Ministers.	Convention Fund.	Total.
Milton, Queens Co.....		\$15 00			\$33 00	\$48 00
West Sherbrooke.....					5 00	5 00
Nictaux, Annapolis Co.....	\$11 85	9 60	\$6 27	\$1 85		29 57
Sable River.....	7 25					7 25
Lower Sable River.....					1 00	1 00
Middlefield.....					5 00	5 00
Wilmot Mountain.....	5 50	18 05	1 46	0 75	23 24	40 00
Barrington.....					15 00	15 00
Lake George.....					8 00	8 00
Wilmot.....					102 00	102 00
Hillsburgh 2nd.....					7 35	7 35
Upper Wilmot.....					105 00	105 00
Clements.....					48 58	48 58
Greenfield.....					4 82	4 82
Caledonia.....					6 75	6 75
Kempt.....					11 00	11 00
Digby.....					22 50	22 50
Springfield.....					1 00	1 00
Pine Grove.....					24 70	24 70
Collections.....					50 04	50 04
For printing Minutes, &c.....						\$51 56
	\$24 60	\$42 65	\$7 73	\$2 60		\$501 56

\*Collected by Sabbath School.

B. H. PARKER, Treasurer.

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# CONSTITUTION

OF THE

## Nova Scotia Western Baptist Association.

ART. 1.—This body shall be called the N. S. Western Baptist Association.

ART. 2.—It shall be composed of delegates appointed by the Churches of which they are members, together with delegates from Corresponding Associations. Each Church connected with the Association shall have the privilege of sending one delegate or more, but no church shall be entitled to send more than five in addition to its pastor.

ART. 3.—The objects of the Association shall be, the collection of statistical and other information from the churches; the cultivation of mutual acquaintance and fraternal union; the promotion of individual godliness and the spiritual prosperity of the Churches; and, in the use of scriptural means, the enlargement of the Redeemer's Kingdom.

ART. 4.—The Association shall meet annually on the 8th Saturday in June, at 10 o'clock, A. M., at such place as it may appoint, and the services shall be commenced with public worship. Should the interests of the body seem to demand it, a special meeting may be held at any time intervening, on requisition therefor being made by five of the churches through their pastors.

ART. 5.—The officers of the Association shall be a Moderator, a Clerk, and a Treasurer, all of whom shall continue in office until the election of their successors.

The Moderator shall preside in all the meetings; nominate all committees of not more than three, unless otherwise provided for; take the direction of all the religious services, and call special meetings pursuant to requisition.

The Clerk shall record all the transactions, and prepare the Minutes for publication.

The Treasurer shall receive all moneys and other property contributed for any of the purposes of the Association and dispose of the same according to the will of the donors, or, when the will of the donors is not expressed, according to the vote of the Association.

ART. 6.—Each church connected with the Association shall send annually a Letter, containing an account of its history during the year preceding, specifying the number added by baptism, by letter, and by restoration; the number removed, by dismissal, by exclusion, and by death; and the whole number then in fellowship. If any church shall neglect, for three successive years, to send such a letter, it shall be considered as having withdrawn from the Association, unless two or more members shall request its continuance, and shall engage to enquire into its standing and report at the next meeting of the Association.

ART. 7.—The Association may receive any church which shall apply for admission by sending a letter and delegates, and shall give satisfactory evidence as to its faith and order.

ART. 8.—The Association shall not in any case, interfere with the internal concerns of the churches, but it may dissolve its connection with any church which, after proper examination, shall be judged by the Association to have departed essentially from the Baptist faith and practice.

ART. 9.—The religious sentiments of this Association are those expressed in the "Declaration of Faith and Practice of the Baptist Churches in Nova Scotia."

ART. 10.—This Constitution may be altered or amended by a vote of two thirds of the number present at any annual meeting.

ASSOCIATION  
1882.

	Total.
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Treasurer.

## RULES OF ORDER.

**RULE 1st.**—At each annual meeting the Letters from the Churches shall be at once handed in; from which the clerks shall immediately make out a list of Delegates.

**RULE 2nd.**—After religious worship the officers shall be chosen. The choice of a Moderator shall be made by ballot.

**RULE 3rd.**—At every sitting business shall be opened and concluded with prayer.

**RULE 4th.**—Brethren invited to a seat with us, may speak on all subjects under consideration, but vote on none.

**RULE 5th.**—No subject shall be discussed without a motion thereon being first made and seconded.

**RULE 6th.**—Every speaker shall address the chair; and no person shall speak oftener than twice on the same subject, unless by permission of the body.

**RULE 7th.**—When a church is received into the Association the Moderator shall give to one of its delegates the hand of fellowship.

**RULE 8th.**—At the commencement of each sitting the Minutes of the last one shall be read and corrected, and of the last before the final adjournment.

**RULE 9th.**—All resolutions shall be presented in writing.

**RULE 10th.**—Motions made and lost shall not be recorded unless so ordered at the time.

**RULE 11th.**—No delegates shall be allowed to leave the Association before the business is finished, without permission of the body.

**RULE 12th.**—These rules shall be distinctly read from the chair at the opening of the Session.